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### Current Coronavirus Measures (October 2022)

Dear Sir or Madam,

Throughout the past months, we have regularly updated you on the latest applicable measures regarding University operations. Most recently about the easing of restrictions during the previous summer semester. Today, we would like to inform you about changes related to operations.

The **Corona Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance** (Corona-Arbeitsschutzverordnung) that entered into force on October 1, 2022 requires the University as an employer to prepare an operational hygiene concept that specifies the protective measures needed based on a risk assessment.

These measures were specified in the form of a general hygiene concept for workplaces:

I. The AHA-L-A guidelines (maintain distancing, observe hygiene rules, wear a mask, ventilate regularly and use the corona warning app) have proven to be effective and should therefore continue to be followed:

- A: (“**Abstand**”) If possible, maintain a distance of at least 1.5 m from other people or use acrylic glass screens to separate workplaces.
- H: (“**Hygieneregeln**”) Observe the [hygiene rules](#) for coughing and sneezing properly and thorough hand washing.
- A: (“**Alltagsmaske**”) It is strongly recommended that, at a minimum, medical masks continue to be worn during **courses**, performances and similar events. Even if a mask (medical mask or FFP2) is not needed at the **workplace**, wearing a mask is still generally recommended in such situations. This is

especially true if people are moving in the room or distance cannot be safely maintained.

L: (“Lüftung”) When in closed rooms without technical ventilation, ventilate for a few minutes at regular intervals.

A: (“App”) Also make use of the [corona-warning app](#)

## II. Reduction of contact with other people

Reducing work-related contact with other people is the most effective measure for avoiding coronavirus infections.

In order to prevent infection, contact with other people should therefore still be minimized while working. Therefore, take advantage of the option to continue mainly holding virtual meetings.

The above rules can be expected to result in a high level of protection. This general concept cannot, however, cover special work situations or events. **Therefore, please check whether the general hygiene concept applies to your area.**

If there are differences, a new coronavirus risk assessment must be performed to determine the risk of infection and include needed measures in a separate hygiene concept. Please contact the [Occupational Safety and Environmental Protection Unit](#) if you have any questions.

Masks can still be obtained from Lyreco. For the time being, employee self-testing kits (1 test/week) can also still be ordered from the [Occupational Safety and Environmental Protection Unit](#).

As usual, further information is available in the [coronavirus-related sections of the University website](#).

Yours sincerely,

signed Professor Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Hoch  
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